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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF AMBASSADOR GODLEY

REFS: STATE 050047; BEIRUT 3028

1. HAVE JUST SENT BEIRUT'S 3028 EMPHASIZING THAT INTERNAL SECURITY SITUATION BEIRUT WHICH WAS IMPROVING HAS BECOME TENSE WITH DEATH OF FORMER DEPUTY MAROUF SAAD AT NOON TODAY MARCH 6. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT WILL EVOLVE BUT MOSLEM LEADERS WITH WHOM I HAVE TALKED THIS AFTERNOON WERE PESSIMISTIC AND FEARED DISORDERS WOULD ENSURE PARTICULARLY MARCH 7 PRESUMABLY THE DAY OF SAAD'S FUNERAL. BEIRUT IS RELATIVELY QUIET NOW WITH SCATTERED INCIDENTS FROM TIME TO TIME.

2. ABOVE IS, OF COURSE, ALL RELEVANT TO IMMINENT RETURN OF AMBASSADOR GODLEY. AS WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT TOMORROW OR THE NEXT DAY WILL BRING AND AS THE APPROACHES TO THE AIRPORT ARE VULNERABLE TO MOB ACTION, I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT THE GODLEYS DEFER THEIR ARRIVAL UNTIL SITUATION CLEARER. IF, HOWEVER, THE DECISION IS TO COME, UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS, I WILL EXPECT THEM TO ARRIVE AS OUTLINED REFTEL.

3. I TRIED TO TELEPHONE DEPARTMENT BUT LINES ARE OUT FOR THE TIME BEING.
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